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For: METHOD OF COMMUNICATIONS FOR AN INTELLIGENT DIGITAL
AUDIOVISUAL PLAYBACK SYSTEM

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 6 and 7 as follows:

6. (amended) A method of operating a jukebox system, including:

providing a jukebox device including a microprocessor, a memory that stores

audiovisual items that may be played on the jukebox device in response to requests by a user, a display for displaying video, an audio arrangement providing audio, a

communication system for enabling the jukebox device to communicate with an audiovisual distribution network, and a multitasking operating system that enables simultaneous operation of the microprocessor, the display, the audio arrangement and the communication system, and further wherein said jukebox device includes operating software that controls operation of said jukebox;

providing a server remote to said jukebox device that can be accessed by said jukebox device through said distribution network;

registering said jukebox device for operation through communication between the jukebox device and the server;

downloading audiovisual items from the server to the jukebox device and storing the downloaded audiovisual items on the jukebox device;

uploading royalty information from the jukebox device to the server for use in accounting for music rights associated with the audiovisual items;

sending update data from said server to said jukebox device which is used by said jukebox device to remotely update said operating software on said jukebox device;

and upon receipt by said jukebox device of said update data, modifying said jukebox device such that said jukebox device will operate in accordance with new operating software received from said server over said distribution network.

7. (amended) The method of claim 6, further including, upon receipt of said update data, verifying by said jukebox device if a version number of current software is outdated, and, if said version number is outdated, performing a back up of the current operating software; modifying a system startup file for startup with the back up of the